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HENDERSON "CRACK" DEALER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSING FIREARMS

OWENSBORO, KY - Travis Little, age 23, of 455 South Adams Street, Henderson, Kentucky, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for drug trafficking and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, also sentenced Little to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Little pled guilty on August 7, 2007, and admitted that on or about June 29, 2006, he possessed crack cocaine and also that he possessed firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. On June 29, 2006, law enforcement officers executed a state search warrant at Little's former residence, located at 454 South Green Street. They seized 20 grams of cocaine base, commonly known as crack cocaine, in addition to small amounts of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The drugs had a street value of approximately \$2000.00. Additionally, officers seized \$2,399. in U. S. currency and the following firearms:

- 1. A Taurus Model Millennium PT-145 .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol
- 2. A Taurus Model 605 .357 caliber revolver

3. A Mossberg Model 500A 12-gauge shotgun

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation in partnership with the Kentucky State Police and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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